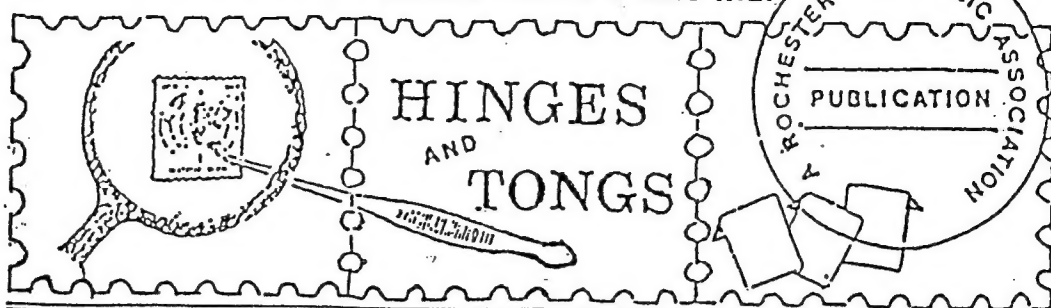




The latest Transportation series coil stamp pictures a canal boat of the type used to move passengers and freight on American waterways in the 19th century.

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH 26 ROPEX '87 SETUP NIGHT at the Holiday Inn Downtown.. NO MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

APRIL 9 Slide program, "Classic Air Mail Covers". Also an Auction, 5 lots per members on the official lot form available in the library. 8:00pm.

APRIL 23 A walking TOUR OF THE USPS GMF in Henrietta. We will meet at the Employee's Entrance on the west side of the building. The Tour will start at 7:00pm.

MAY 14 A slideshow, "Postal History of Germany". Also a Silent Auction, 5 lots per members. Please use the official lot forms. CASH ONLY! Nominations open for RPA offices for the 1987-88 season. Meeting starts at 8:00pm.

ROPEX coming

The Rochester Philatelic Association has announced that its annual ROPEX will be held March 27-29 at the downtown Holiday Inn in Rochester, NY.

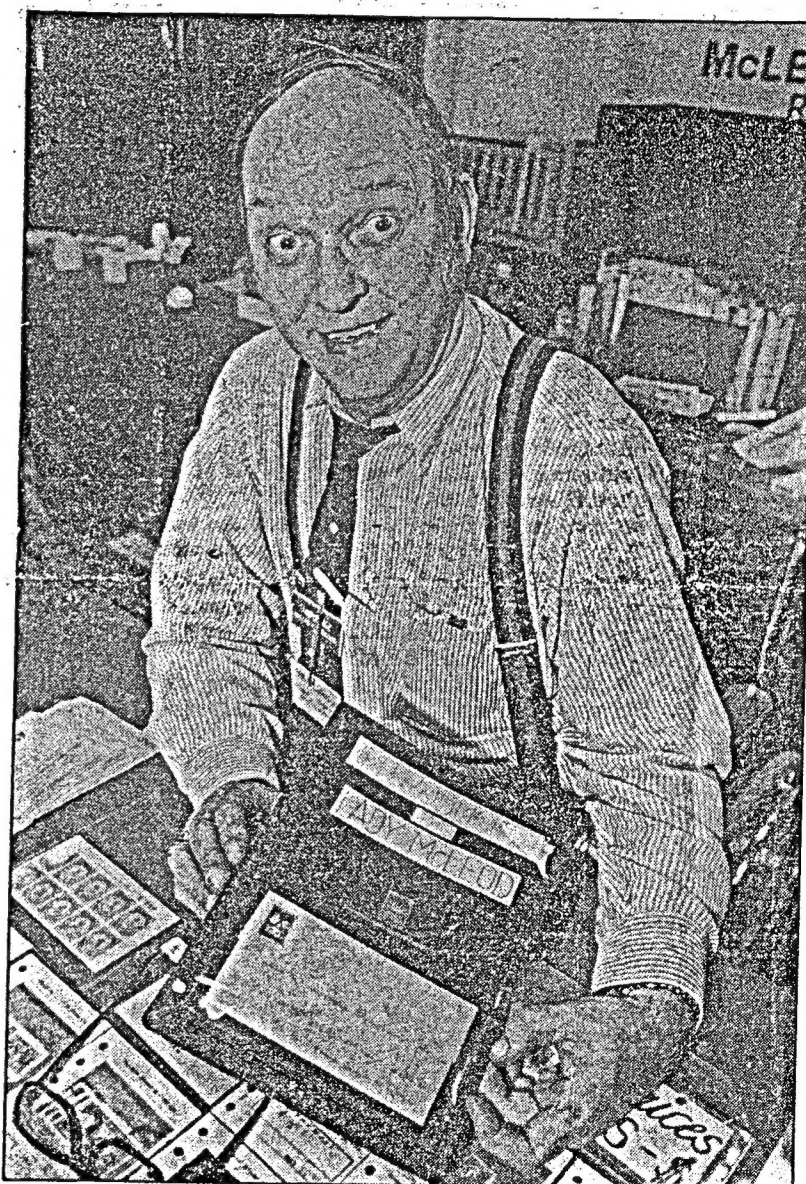
ROPEX is an APS "Champion of Champions" exhibition which enables the grand prize winner to compete in the championship class at the American Philatelic Society's annual convention.

The show is open to all collectors who wish to compete, with prospectus applications available from

ROPEX, P.O. Box 10206, Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610.

In addition to a dealer's bourse, the USPS and other postal agencies will be present. The theme this year incorporates baseball and aviation, with the USPS providing a special pictorial cancellation.

Admission is free and all young collectors will receive stamp collecting kits. Information is available from the above address.



Canadian Stamp News photo/TERRY WILLIAMS

Hale loves his lady

Andy Hale of McLeod Stamps of Rochester, NY, displays a Lady McLeod stamp and cover at the PHIL-EX show in Toronto Jan. 9-11. The rare 1847 stamp from Trinidad was the creation of David Bryce, owner of the Lady McLeod which was a sail-equipped steamer. The blue, lithographed imperf. stamp was used to prepay the 5-cent rate for carrying letters between Port of Spain and San Fernando. The stamp is valued at \$4,000 U.S. and the entire cover has a \$12,500 U.S. price tag.

U.S. Stamp Program

Jan. 24, Tow Truck. 8.5¢ Transportation series coil. Coils of 500 without service inscription, 500 and 3,000 with service inscription (red); one plate number every 52nd stamp. Tucson, Ariz. 85726. (Linn's Jan. 5, page 1.) Scott 2128C. USPS ordering No. 0756 without service inscription and P756 with service inscription.

Jan. 26, Michigan Statchood. 22¢ commemorative, panes of 50, vertical format, one group of five cylinder numbers. Lansing, Mich. 48924. (Linn's Dec. 22, 1986, page 1.) USPS ordering No. 0413.

Jan. 29, Pan American Games. 22¢ commemorative, panes of 50, horizontal format, one group of five cylinder numbers. Indianapolis, Ind. 46206. (Linn's Dec. 29, 1986, page 1.) USPS ordering No. 0414.

Jan. 30, Love. 22¢ special stamp. Definitive size, panes of 100, one group of five cylinder numbers. San Francisco, Calif. 94188. (Linn's Jan. 26, page 1.)

Feb. 6, Tractor. Two 7.1¢ Transportation series coils: one with service inscription, engraved in one color; one without service inscription, engraved in two colors. Coils of 500 without service inscription and coils of 500 and 3,000 with service inscription. One plate number every 52nd stamp. Sarasota, Fla. 33578. (Linn's Jan. 19, page 1.) USPS ordering No. 0713 without service inscription, P713 with service inscription.

Feb. 12, Julia Ward Howe. 14¢ Great Americans series definitive. Definitive size, panes of 100, one plate number. Boston, Mass. 02205. (Linn's Jan. 26, page 1.)

Feb. 20, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable. 22¢ Black Heritage series commemorative, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of five cylinder numbers. Chicago, Ill. 60607. (Linn's Feb. 2, page 1.) USPS ordering No. 0415.

Feb. 27, Enrico Caruso. 22¢ Performing Arts series commemorative, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of four cylinder numbers preceded by the letter "A." New York, N.Y. 10001. (Linn's Feb. 16, page 1.) USPS ordering No. 0412.

Feb. 28, Mary Lyon. 2¢ Great Americans series definitive. Definitive size, panes of 100, one plate number. South Hadley, Mass. 01075. (Linn's Feb. 2, page 1.)

March 6, Locomotive. Reengraved 2¢ Transportation series coil (original stamp issued in 1982). Coils of 3,000. One plate number every 52nd stamp (Linn's Feb. 23, page 1).

March 12, Girl Scouts. 22¢ commemorative stamp, panes of 50, vertical format, one group of five offset plate numbers adjacent to a stamp plus one intaglio number adjacent to an adjoining stamp. Washington, D.C. 20066. (Linn's March 9, page 1.)

April 11, Canal Boat. 10¢ Transportation series coil. Coils of 500 and 3,000, one plate number every 52nd stamp. Buffalo, N.Y. 14240. (Linn's March 9, page 1.)

April 20, Special Occasions. Booklet of ten 22¢ stamps, eight designs. Atlanta, Ga. 30304.

April 28, United Way. 22¢ commemorative stamp. Washington, D.C. 20066.

May 9, Flag-Fireworks. 22¢ definitive sheet stamp, gravure process. Denver, Colo. 80202.

May 22, Steel Plow. 14¢ postal card, Mo. line, Ill. 61265.

May 25, Constitutional Convention. 14¢ postal card. Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

June 13, American Wildlife. Pane 50 different 22¢ commemoratives picturing the Alaskan brown bear, American elk, American lobster, armadillo, badger, bald eagle, barn swallow, beaver, bighorn sheep, bison, black bear, black-footed ferret, black-tailed prairie dog, black-tailed jack-rabbit, blue jay, bobcat, bobwhite, broad-tailed hummingbird, California sea lion, Canada goose, cottontail, deer mouse, eastern box turtle, eastern chipmunk, gray squirrel, gray wolf, kiwi, ladybug, luna moth, mockingbird, monarch, moose, mountain goat, mountain lion, mule deer, osprey, pike, pronghorn, raccoon, red fox, red-winged blackbird, ringtail, river otter, roseate spoonbill, scarlet tanager, snowy egret, tiger swallowtail, white-tailed deer, wolverine and woodchuck. Toronto, Ont., Canada. (Address for first day covers to come.)

July 18, Diplomatic Relations with Morocco. 22¢ commemorative joint issue. Washington, D.C. 20066.

Aug. 14, Laccemaking. Block of four 22¢ commemoratives, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

Aug. 25, Bret Harte. \$5 definitive in Great Americans series. Twain Harte, Calif. 95383.

Aug. 28, Drafting of U.S. Constitution. Booklet containing 20 stamps, five different designs. Washington, D.C. 20066.

Sept. 17, Signing of the Constitution. 22¢ commemorative. Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

Sept. 21, Certified Public Accountants. 22¢ commemorative. New York, N.Y. 10001.

Sept. 25, William Faulkner. 22¢ commemorative in Literary Arts series. Oxford, Miss. 38655.

Sept. 28, Timberline Lodge. 14¢ postal card in Historic Preservation series. Mount Hood, Ore. 97041.

Oct. 1, Locomotives. Commemorative booklet of 20 22¢ stamps, five different designs. Baltimore, Md. 21233.

Oct. 23, Christmas. Two 22¢ special stamps. Washington, D.C. 20066, traditional design; Holiday-Anaheim, Calif., Zip Code to come, contemporary design.

Undated 1987 Issues. 14¢ Flag postal card; 22¢ commemoratives for bicentennials of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

1988. 350th anniversary of first permanent Swedish-Finnish settlement in U.S.; commemoratives for bicentennials of Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia and New York; Federalist Papers postal card; Knute Rockne commemorative.

1989. Commemoratives for bicentennials of George Washington's inauguration, House of Representatives, the Senate, Supreme Court and drafting of the Bill of Rights.

1990. Luis Munoz Marin; bicentennial of Rhode Island commemorative; Establishment of Boundaries of Nation's Capital commemorative stamp.

1991. Ratification of Bill of Rights postal card.

Undated. Laurel and Hardy commemorative; 17.5¢ coil; H.H. "Hap" Arnold definitive, Great Americans series; Take Pride in America.

HOW TO ORDER FIRST DAY COVERS
There are two ways to order first day covers:

1. Buy the stamp (or postal stationery item) at the local post office, affix it to an addressed envelope (postage must make up the first-class rate) and send under cover to

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Customer Affixed Envelopes, Postmaster. (Name of City, State and ZIP Code-9991). No remittance is required.

2. The USPS will affix the stamp to submitted addressed envelopes or will provide the postal stationery upon request and receipt of remittance to cover cost of items. Send requests to (Name of issue), Postmaster, (Name of City, State and ZIP Code-9992).

The deadline for submitting envelopes for first day cancellation is 30 days after the date of issue.

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Mail orders for mint stamps, plate number, Mr. ZIP and Copyright blocks, full panes and postal stationery items should be sent to Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C. 20265.

The PSD imposes a \$5 minimum and 50¢ service charge on all mail orders.

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Full details of each issue listed in this program are given in news stories in Linn's. Reference to the date and page of such stories is given at the end of each entry.

Tentative Scott, Minkus and United Postal Stationery Society catalog numbers are reported as received.

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Plate numbers. All sheet stamps have corner plate numbers, requiring a block of four, unless otherwise stated. Coil numbers should be collected in the center of strips of three or five stamps.

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Bulk mail coil stamps. Since late 1985, bulk mail coil stamps have been issued in two versions: untaged, service inscribed versions for bulk mailers and tagged, unscribed versions for collectors. The Postal Service calls the service inscribed stamps "precancels."

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If you collect U.S. new issues, you should own Linn's U.S. stamp yearbooks.

The 1983, 1984 and 1985 yearbooks are available individually at \$14.95 per copy. Two softcover books are \$25.95 when ordered together; any three softcover books are \$38.95. Send order and remittance to Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook, Box 29, Sidney, Ohio 45365. Ohio residents please add 5.5 percent sales tax.

Official seeks U.S. rate hike

Another high-ranking U.S. Postal Service official has articulated the USPS desire for a first-class rate increase in 1988.

Michael S. Coughlin, deputy postmaster general, told a group of business representatives March 11 in New York City that the USPS, in consultation with the Postal Board of Governors, would make a formal proposal for a rate increase within the next few months.

Postmaster General Preston R. Tisch had commented during a Dec. 15 television interview that rates would probably go up in 1988 (Linn's Jan. 12, page 1).

Coughlin indicated that the new rate would be in the range of 23¢-26¢.

He blamed the proposed increase on \$2 billion in unexpected costs resulting from the institution of a Federal Employee Retirement System by Congress in 1986.

The USPS finished the fiscal year 1986 with a surplus of \$304 million, according to the New York Times News Service. ■

Scott releases album

Scott Publishing Co. has released its Scott Federal and State Duck Stamp Album.

The 72-page album has illustrated spaces, printed on one side only, for all federal and state duck hunting stamps. Thirty-eight states are represented in the album including states that no longer issue duck hunting stamps.

All stamps issued through mid-1986 are illustrated and additional blank spaces are provided for expansion. Six blank pages are included for mounting rarities, varieties and collateral material.

Supplements will be issued to keep the album current.

Retail cost of the album is \$39.95.

CAPEX'87 OVERNIGHT TRIP

The Rochester Philatelic Ass. will be sponsoring an overnight trip to CAPEX'87 in Toronto, Canada Saturday, June 13th - Sunday, June 14th. A Bus has been chartered from BLUE BIRD Coach Lines and booked rooms with the Hampton Court Hotel in Toronto, Canada. The Bus can handle 40 to 47 people and the Hampton Court Hotel will supply rooms with two (2) double beds per room. The Bus will also provide transportation between the Hotel and CAPEX (at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre) during this weekend trip. The Tour package price per person is as followed:

2 to a room (2 beds) \$65.00
3 to a room (2 beds) \$56.00
4 to a room (2 beds) \$51.00

Single room \$95.00

All tax and baggage handling is included in the above schedule. The Bus will depart Rochester at 6:30am Saturday June 13th. The meeting place in Rochester is still to be arranged, ticket holders will be informed where to meet the Bus in Rochester. The Bus will depart the Metro Toronto Convention Centre the evening of Sunday June 14th for Rochester (Ticket holders will be informed of actual departing time). ALL CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE to the Rochester Philatelic Association are due by MAY 16, 1987. NO CASH! All moneys paid to RPA are tax deductible, the RPA is a federal recognized charity. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS of money collected for any reason other than the cancellation of the entire Bus Trip to CAPEX'87. **PLEASE PLAN NOW!!!!** Please use the coupon below to book your ticket to the RPA's CAPEX'87 Weekend.

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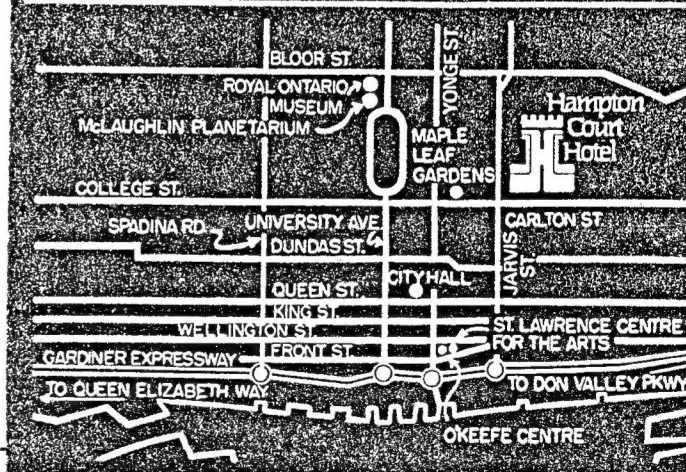
Business people appreciate the location because of ease in conducting business. Families enjoy Hampton Court because there's so much to see and do in Toronto and everything is so close to the hotel.

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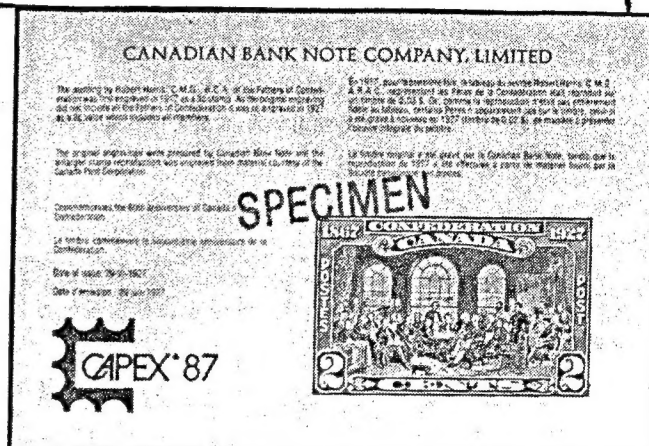
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CAPEX special subject days

Each day of the CAPEX '87 international philatelic exhibition will be devoted to special subjects.

These are as follows:

- June 13: Canada Post Day;
- June 14: Family and Youth Day;
- June 15: HAFNIA '87 Day;
- June 16: 100th Anniversary of Organized Philately in Canada;
- June 17: 120th Anniversary of Canada Confederation;



Canada's 1927 2c stamp honoring the founding fathers of the Federation is reproduced on this CAPEX souvenir sheet.

CAPEX issues souvenir

CAPEX '87 is issuing the first of a series of specially printed souvenir sheets to members of the CAPEX '87 Beaver Club as part of their membership subscription.

The sheet, which has been prepared by the Canadian Bank Note Co., depicts Canada's 1927 2c stamp honoring the fathers of the Canadian Confederation.

Future souvenir sheets are scheduled from the British American Bank Note Co. and Ashton Potter Ltd.

The souvenirs have no postal validity.

The balance of the limited-edition sheets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis at CAPEX '87. They are not available by mail.

Collectors wishing to obtain a set of sheets in advance of the show's opening day should subscribe to the Beaver Club, according to the CAPEX committee.

Membership will ensure collectors that they will receive all program information.

They also will be entitled to

special privileges, including a season ticket to CAPEX (no waiting in line), a catalog and entrance to the Beaver Lounge which is restricted to members only.

Other philatelic souvenirs also will be offered.

Membership is \$50. Payment should be sent to CAPEX '87, Box 204, Station Q, Toronto,

Ont., Canada M4T 2M1.

The CAPEX '87 international philatelic exhibition will take place June 13-21 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre. ■

GIVE STAMPS TO KIDS

- June 18: Day of the Americas;
 - June 19: CAPEX '87 Day;
 - June 20: International Day;
 - June 21: Philatelic Literature Day.
- CAPEX '87 will take place June 13-21 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre. Further details can be obtained from CAPEX '87, Box 204, Postal Station Q, Toronto, Ont., Canada M4T 2M1. ■

GIVE STAMPS TO KIDS

CAPEX update

Second bulletin available

The CAPEX 87 organizing committee has announced the availability of their second bulletin, which will be mailed free upon request.

It contains a listing of the various committees, the members of the international jury and a tentative daily program of events.

There is also an application for membership in the Beaver Club. Members will automatically receive all preliminary magazines, a season's ticket to CAPEX 87, a

members only entrance (no waiting in line), a catalog and entrance to the Beaver Lounge which is restricted to members only. There will also be offers of limited edition philatelic souvenirs. The membership fee is \$50 and the closing date is April 30, 1987.

The bulletin contains an interesting historical article by Ralph Mitchener, historian of the Royal Philatelic Society, on John Reginald Hooper and the beginning of nationally organized phi-

lately in Canada. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada can trace its origin — a bit tenuously and with a few blank years — back to 1887 when the Canadian Philatelic Association was formed.

The second bulletin is available from CAPEX 87, P.O. Box 204, Station "Q", Toronto, ON M4T 2M1.

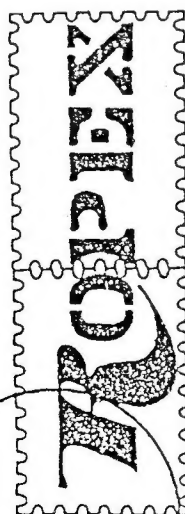
CAPEX 87 will be held from June 13 to 21 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre in downtown Toronto.



All areas of the United States will be represented by the 50 subjects in the Wildlife pane to be issued June 13 at CAPEX '87 in Toronto, Ont., Canada. The Wildlife issue will be the third U.S. pane of 50 different designs, following the popular

State Flags in 1976 and State Birds and Flowers in 1982. Although state names were not included on the Wildlife stamps, the subjects were chosen to reflect the geographic and biological diversity of creatures native to North America.

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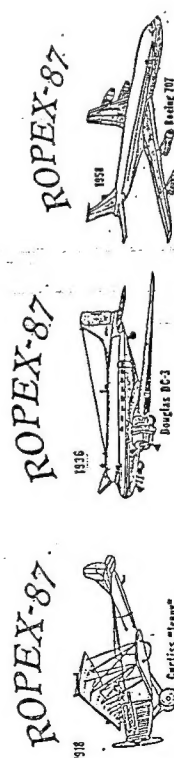
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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH !

by Larry Moriarty

I have been soaking Hungarian stamps for a good number of years and as you know, every so often there are those that just do not come off the paper. I have ruined many stamps (not good ones) looking for the right solution. Believe me, you would laugh if I told you all the things I have tried without success.

Recently I tried 10 drops of New ERA Plus, a laundry detergent, in a cup of water and put in a few of the "hard to get off" stamps. It loosened them up, and with a little time they came off. I tried 20 drops to a cup, and then the stamps came off the paper quite easily.

I next tried some stamps of Germany, U.S., Netherlands, Brazil, and Japan. I did not have much luck with the U.S., as I believe these stamps had been reglued, and they just would not come off the paper. The stamps of Brasil and Japan did not come off. One British stamp, I don't remember from which country, was denuded of all color, making the watermark very easy to read.

While I worked with inexpensive stamps and was pleased with the way it worked on Hungarian stamps, I would caution anyone who tries to experiment with cheap or damaged stamps to see how it works. I also tried it on a few Hungarian perfins that I had been trying to remove from the paper for several years without success, and the ERA solution got them off very nicely.

What led me to try ERA was their TV commercial showing how their formula very easily removed protein stains. I reasoned that the glues might have a protein base, so I tried it. I plan to do some more experimenting with same, but would again caution anyone trying this to first test it out on damaged or cheap stamps. If anyone has a better and safer method, I would appreciate knowing about it.....

H & G supplement

Classic Philatelics has released the Section 2/B (Baden to Bushire) price supplement to the Higgins & Gage *World Postal Stationery Catalog*.

Mel Feiner said the prices are based on worldwide auction realizations, foreign catalogs, dealer price lists and market knowledgeable contributors.

Feiner also said the Section 7/C price supplement is being revised. Supplements for 3/C,

9/I and 15/S are scheduled within the next four months.

The 2/B supplement is available for \$5 postpaid in the United States and Canada. For orders outside these countries, add \$1.25 for airmail printed matter rate.

Orders should be sent to Classic Philatelics, Box 5637, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92615. The Higgins & Gage catalog is available from the same address. ■

Trade Notes

Hollinger buys Stamps

Hollinger Inc. has purchased Seneca Media Inc. including *Stamps* magazine, according to *Stamps* officials.

"It's like a big fish swallowing a slightly smaller fish," DAN MILLIMAN, *Stamps*' managing editor, said.

Milliman said Hollinger, a Canadian company, has been on the lookout for newspapers in the United States. Milliman said the acquisition included about 28 other newspapers owned by Seneca.

"It's not as though *Stamps* alone is being taken over," Milliman said.

He said the people at Hollinger feel that Seneca and *Stamps* have been run well and no major

changes are planned. *Stamps* may have more centralized bookkeeping because of the takeover, according to Milliman.

"Any changes you see in the future are because of plans we already had," he said. "We don't envision anything shocking."

Milliman said *Stamps*' circulation is currently about 14,000.

"It went up about 3,500 because of a recent promotion," he said.

Stamps was purchased by Seneca Media Inc. Feb. 1, 1986 and moved to Hornell, N.Y. It will remain in Hornell under the new ownership and will maintain the same staff, Milliman said.



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The Special Occasions booklet cover shows the Universal Product Code (UPC) on the back (shown at the top). The front (bottom) lists the greetings in the booklet.

For the first time, a U.S. booklet will have stamps in three different sizes. The Special Occasions booklet will be issued April 20.

Canada stamp program

Feb. 16, CAPEX '87. Single 34¢ promoting the 1987 international stamp exhibition and depicting Toronto's first post office. (Linn's Feb. 2, page 1)

March 13, Exploration. Four 34¢ honoring Brule and Radisson, des Grosseilliers and Joliet, Marquette, and Wilderness Missions. (Linn's, March 9, page 1)

March 30, Definitives. Two 36¢ depicting Parliament and the queen's portrait.

March 30, Booklets. A 50¢ vending machine booklet containing one 36¢, two 6¢ and two 1¢ Parliament, and a \$3.60 counter booklet containing ten 36¢ Parliament.

April 3, 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Two stamps, 36¢ depicting speedskating, and 42¢ featuring bobsleding.

April 13, Volunteers. Single 36¢.

April 15, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Single 36¢.

May 6, Artifacts. Four stamps, 25¢, 42¢, 55¢, 72¢.

May 19, Engineering. Single 36¢.

May 19, Coll. Single 36¢ Parliament imperforate on two sides.

May 19, Booklet. A \$9 counter booklet containing 25 36¢ Parliament.

May 19, Postal stationery. An envelope with 36¢ impressed stamp, an aerogramme with 72¢ impressed stamp.

June 12, CAPEX '87. Three stamps, 36¢, 42¢, 73¢, and one souvenir sheet containing two each, depicting Nelson-Miramichi Post Office, Saint-Ours Post Office, Battleford Post Office.

June 25, Canada Day. Four 36¢ saluting science and technology, and communications (newsprint pulp, under-sea telegraph, halftone engraving, AM radio).

July 20, Steamships. Two 36¢ depicting Segwun and Princess Marguerite.

Aug. 7, Underwater Archaeology. Four 36¢ showing San Juan, Hamilton and Scourge, Breadalbane, and Ericsson.

Sept. 1, Air Canada. Single 36¢.

Sept. 2, Francophone Summit. Single 36¢ marking the summit in Quebec City.

Oct. 1, Masterpieces of Canadian Art. Single 50¢ reproducing *The Young Reader* by Ozias Leduc.

Oct. 13 (tentative), Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Single 36¢ marking the meeting in Vancouver.

Nov. 2, Christmas. Three stamps, 36¢, 42¢, 73¢.

Nov. 13, 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Two 36¢ depicting cross-country skiing and ski jumping.

First day covers: Canada levies servicing fees of 20¢ per cover when it affixes stamps to collectors' own FDCs, and 15¢ per cover when stamps are affixed to covers for hand-back first day servicing. Covers must arrive no later than date of issue for servicing. Official first day covers are 20¢ each, plus the value of the stamps affixed. All values are expressed in Canadian currency.

FDC servicing requests, orders for mint stamps and/or official FDCs, and requests for additional information or order forms should be sent to: Philatelic Service, Canada Post, National Philatelic Centre, Antigonish, N.S., Canada B2G 2R8.

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Scott and Minkus catalog numbers are reported as received, and are subject to change.

New bill seeks to force 'Challenger' stamp issue

The U.S. Postal Service remains adamant in its opposition to issuing a memorial stamp now for the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of the space shuttle *Challenger* Jan. 28, 1986.

Meanwhile, a new bill in the House of Representatives seeks to force the issuance of a *Challenger* stamp.

Rep. Raymond J. McGrath, R-N.Y., lined up 35 co-sponsors for a bill introduced in the House Jan. 27.

If passed by Congress and signed by the president, the bill would order the USPS to issue a memorial stamp for the *Challenger* astronauts.

It also would specify that the design would be chosen from drawings submitted by school-children, said John Falardeau, legislative assistant to McGrath.

"We just felt that with other countries — even Eastern bloc countries — having issued stamps, it is time for America to do it," Falardeau said.

McGrath proposed the idea in a non-binding resolution last year, but it was never brought to a vote.

Dickey B. Rustin, general manager of the USPS Stamp Information Branch, noted, "The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee considered such a stamp following the disaster and rejected the proposal."

"There has been no change in the Postal Service's position," Rustin added.

In recent years the USPS has held to its policy of not honoring persons on stamps until 10 years after the person's death. Former presidents of the United States are the only exceptions.

Political pressure on the Postal Service has obtained desired stamps in the past, but direct legislative action has been avoided.

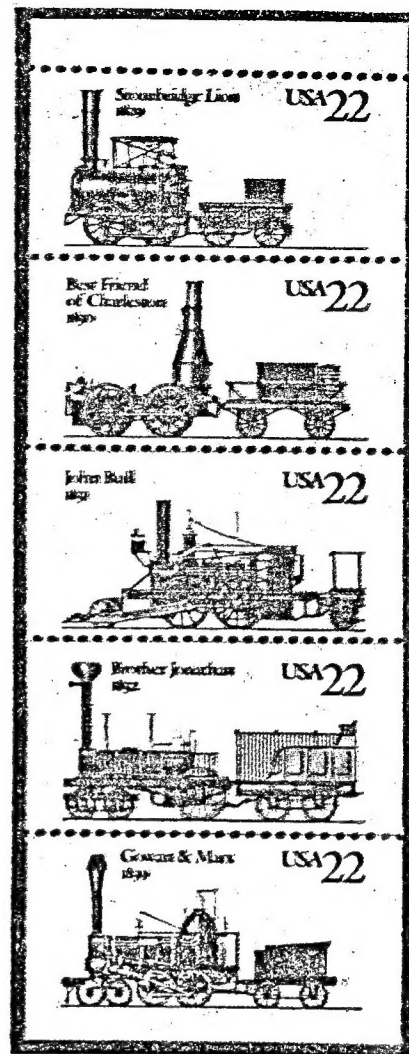
Falardeau conceded that the bill is unlikely to go anywhere because the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee

dislikes legislation of this type and prefers to have stamp subjects handled by the CSAC.

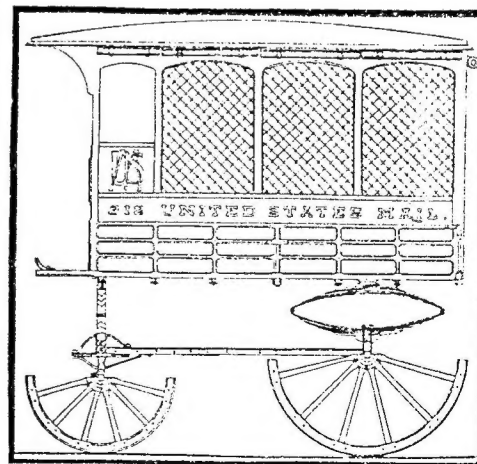
However, Falardeau said that public support, including that of stamp collectors, is sought for the bill.

Hungary, Chile, Bolivia, St. Thomas and Prince, Central African Republic and the Republic of Guinea have issued *Challenger* memorial stamps.

The seven astronauts who died in the *Challenger* explosion were Francis Scobee, Navy Cmdr. Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis and Christa McAuliffe. ■



The five locomotives on this booklet pane first ran in America between 1829 and 1839. The pane is illustrated with selvage attached in the manner in which booklet panes are collected. The Oct. 1 issuance will kick off National Stamp Collecting Month.



A turn-of-the-century screen wagon, used to transport mail between cities, has been added to the postal vehicle section of the National Philatelic Collection.

New computer program out for Canadian stamps

"STAMPS", the popular computer program licensed by the Scott Publishing Company, is now available in a new version featuring the issues of Canada.

Each software package contains the STAMPS program and the latest market value file for all British North America stamps on a single diskette. It also includes a 32-page user's guide, an annual update request form and a registration form.

The program is currently available for both the IBM PC and the Apple II series of personal computers. The IBM requires a minimum 256K of memory and works equally well on all compatibles using MS-DOS 2.1 or greater. The Apple version will perform on any series II machine having at least a 48K memory. Both versions require

two floppy disk drives (or a hard disk) and any printer.

The STAMPS package sells for \$95 U.S. plus \$1.75 for shipping and handling, with delivery available within a week. Previous purchasers of either the U.S. or U.N. programs can purchase the Canadian addition for only \$45. This policy will prevail as additional countries are made available.

For collectors who would like to sample the program before committing to it, a demonstration preview-pack is available for \$15 U.S. This version enables users to enter up to 25 stamp records which will provide a demonstration of the capabilities and pricing features contained in the full program.

Information is available from Compu-Quote, 6914 Berquist Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91307.

Dansville promotion

The Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club will be participating in the eighth annual Dansville Better Homes and Living Show, April 4-5.

The event is an effort to show the local public the variety of business and community groups that are in the area.

A table promoting stamp collecting will be sponsored by the Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club. Free packets of stamps and coins will be given to all children attending the show.

Further information is available from Michael VanDerwerken, 20 Elizabeth St., Dansville, N.Y. 14437. ■

U.S.-Morocco joint issue



The arabesque, an artistic element characteristic of the Arab world, is the central design of this stamp commemorating 200 years of friendship between the United States and Morocco.



A gravure flag definitive in sheet format will replace the engraved 22c Flag Over Capitol sheet stamp. Coil and booklet versions of the Flag Over Capitol will still be produced.

WANT TO JOIN THE RPA?

If you would like to join the Rochester Philatelic Association, you must visit three of the RPA Meetings at St. Paul Episcopal Church, corner of East Ave. & Vick Park B opposite the Eastman House. Meetings are the second & four Thursday of each month, except summer no meetings. If you are already a member of a national club, you may join the RPA on your first visit. Annual dues are \$7.00.



Morocco will release this stamp jointly with the United States on July 18. Inscriptions on the Moroccan stamp are in two languages, French and Arabic.



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